(c) whether the Railway Board has cleared this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The proposal of Metro Railway, Calcutta is for utilising guards from recognised private agencies for manning of entry gates of Metro stations for functions which are not the normal duties of Railway Protection Force.

(c) This matter lies within the powers of the Calcutta Metro Railway Administration.

Routes operated by Vayudoot

1776. SHRIMTI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the various routes operated and States covered by Vayudoot services at present; and

(b) if so, whether any more towns in Andhra Pradesh are likely to be connected by this airline in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) a statement showing the names of the routes operated an dthe States covered by Vaydoot as Annexure. [*See* appendir CXLI, Annexure No. 73].

(b) No, Sir.

Estrogen-progestrone drugs are highly hazardous

1777. SHRI THANGABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that estrogen-progestrone drugs are highly hazardous; and

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing the marketing of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). The Government has initiated action to prohibit manufacture and sale of combination of estrogen-progretrone (extent for oral contraceptive). Some of the manufacturers have gone to court for redress. The Supreme Court has given directions to Drug Controller (India) for public hearing on the subject and based on evidence take a decision on the subject of continued marketing of these drugs. The public hearing is in progress.

Upkeep of traditional Indian Apparels kept in Indian Museums

1778. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that traditional Indian apparels kept in Indian museums and elsewhere are in bad shape due to poor conservation techniques; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the safety and long life of these precious apparels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) "Museum" is a State subject. Maintenance of the objects is the responsibility of the respective managements.

Museums under the Department of Culture have reported that traditional Indian apparel kept in the museums is conserved properly with modern techniques of conservation. The museums where this precious apparel is kept, are well equipped with conservation laboratories manned by trained personnel. Insecticidal treatment is given against biological insects. Periodically, vacum cleaners are used. Whether on display or in storage, these are kept under regulated conditions of temperature and humidity in order to prolong their life.

Collections are also available with several State museums as well as private museums. In order to train persons from these institution in conservation, the National Research Laboratory for Crnservation of Cultural Property Lucknow arranges regular training programmes.

Allegation against organisers of Apna Utsav and Bharat Utsav

1779. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published on pages 5-6 of Loksatta dated 16th January 1987, a Gujarati Daily containing serious allegations and derogatory remarks against the organisers of Apna Utsav and Bharat Utsav; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The article titled "Anusandhan" does not contain allegations of a serious or derogatory nature against the organisers of Apna Ustav and Bharat Utsav (Festival of India).

(b) The allegations are of a personal nature as seen from the article.

Local train between Nasik Road-Bombay V.T.

1780. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a fast local train between Nasik Road and Bombay V.T.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inland Waterways Authority of India

1781. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether The Inland Waterways Authority of India has recently prepared an action plan for the extensive development of inland waterways;

(b) whether it has since submitted its report to Government;

(c) the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) by when the proposed action plan report will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Certain action-points have been identified by the Inland Waterways Authority of India for prearation of a detailed paper on different scheme for development of inland waterways. The intentions enlisted therein cover setting up of Regional Offices, setting up of a national level training Institute for IWT personnel, formulation of National policy for IWT, preparation of Master Plan Organisation of seminars, implementation of Centrally sponsored Schemes and declaration of IWT as industry.

The Inland Waterways Authority of India has as yet to work out and submit specific proposals in this regard.

Definition of the essential and non-essential Medicines

1782. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the definition of essential and non-essential medicines;

(b) whether triple antigen, tetanus toxoid, polio vaccine measles vaccine, pain killers, cough syrups, vitamine preparations are considered essential or non-essential according to his Ministry;